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### CMT receives WTS Innovative Transportation Solutions Award

On Thursday, February 23, CMT received the WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar) Innovative Transportation Solutions Award for its advocacy and awareness programs.



*"Our mission does not stop here but reaches far beyond the scope of the MetroLink expansion debate to rebuilding the St. Louis City, County, and Illinois neighborhoods by investing in rail transit. Rail transit is not just a way to move from point A to B but a means to energize and revitalize existing communities."-Kim Cella, Executive Director of CMT*

[Full article.](#)

### Metro Ridership



**February 29, 2012 EVENTS:**



**Save The Date!**

Registration now open for Spring Ten Toe session. [Register](#) or find registration [dates and locations](#) on the Ten Toe website.

GOOD Ideas for Cities Event Thursday, March 8, 7pm @ The Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis <http://www.good.is/post/join-us-for-good-ideas-for-cities-st-louis-on-march-8/>

Contact [info@cmt-stl.org](mailto:info@cmt-stl.org) if you have transit-related

## Up Over Previous Year

In the first six months of fiscal year 2012 (July-December



2011), Metrolink, MetroBus, and Call-a-Ride ridership increased 8 percent over the same time frame last year. More specifically, this broke down to 23,371,166 boardings in FY 2012, over 21,610,892 boardings in FY 2011, with MetroBus seeing the greatest increase at 11.1%. Since service restoration in 2010, ridership has been continually growing.

*"An improving economy and employment situation, and a mild winter this year, are also helping increase ridership."* -Ray Friem, Metro's Chief Operating Officer.

For the [full article](#).

event you'd like added to the calendar.

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## Wake Up to a Sweeter Commute

Look for CMT events the entire month of May for the **Make Your Move on Metro promotions**. As part of our campaign to encourage transit ridership in St. Louis, we will be



hosting *Wake Up to a Sweeter Commute* on Thursday, May 10, with Trailnet, where we will locate at several Metro stations throughout St. Louis. We will be providing granola bars for those who use public transit, walk or bike to work and information on the Guaranteed Ride Home.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help staff stations for a couple of hours that morning (preferably from 7-9 am). Please email us at [info@cmt-stl.org](mailto:info@cmt-stl.org) if interested.

## Nixon Nominates to Bi-State Board

According to Governor Nixon's [website](#), the Governor has nominated **Aliah Holman**, of **St. Louis**, for a position on the Board of Commissioners of the Bi-State Development Agency of Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District. The Bi-State Development Agency Board of Commissioners provides policy direction for the Agency, created in 1949 through a compact between Missouri and Illinois.



Holman is the senior marketing manager for Express Scripts in St. Louis. She has been active in youth development, non-profit, and professional organizations, and was named a winner of the "30 Under 30" award. The Governor has nominated her for a term ending Nov. 11, 2014.

See our [blog](#) for more details.

## Washington University Plans \$80 Million Loop Project

Part of the Delmar Loop is in for a transformation due to Washington University's recent decision to invest \$80 million into a construction project, to include stores and apartments for about 550 students. Washington University owns the affected property and does not anticipate other acquisitions.



"The project comprises a four- to six-story building of

retail space and apartments on Delmar Boulevard at Eastgate Avenue and three new mid-rise apartment buildings on Enright Avenue nearby. Design work will begin soon, and construction could begin in January 2013 with occupancy in August 2014, university officials said."

-Tim Bryant, The Post-Dispatch

For the full article, visit [The Post-Dispatch's website](#).

## Ray LaHood Gives Senate Transportation Bill Boost

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood tried to build support for a bipartisan Senate bill or in his words, "Take the politics out of transportation."



The House bill, presented with great fanfare a few weeks ago, has slowed momentum in the face of bipartisan objection over transit funding and concerns from fiscal conservatives about its \$260 billion price tag. LaHood put the Obama administration's weight behind the Senate bill, which continues traditional dedicated funding for mass transit, funding which was cut out of the House bill.

Speaking with reporters after the address, LaHood said it is unlikely that Congress can approve a new multi-year transportation bill before current funding expires on March 31. He predicted a short-term funding extension would be necessary.

-Ashley Halsey III, *The Washington Post*

[Full article.](#)

## Ten Toe Express Spring 2012 Registration

CMT is kicking off our Spring 2012 Ten Toe Express session! The Ten Toe Express is a walking program which pairs walking with using the Metrolink/Metro bus transit system. Registration and re-registration is now open on the Ten Toe [website](#), as well as a list of the physical [registration events](#) participants may attend (Note: if register online, do not need to attend an event). Some of the walk schedules are now posted on our [website](#)!



## CMT Issues Transit Challenge for GOOD Ideas for Cities

Since its inception in 2006 in Los Angeles, CA, *GOOD Ideas for Cities* has aimed to tap into problem solvers all over the country in hopes



of tackling real urban challenges and producing real solutions. As one of five cities chosen for 2012, St. Louis will be represented by seven teams, each with a challenge posed by local urban leaders. And one of those urban leaders is **CMT**. To view CMT's challenge in collaboration with Lambert International Airport, as well as the other challenges and more information, visit the GOOD Ideas' [website](#). The teams will offer their unique solutions, followed by a Q&A session, at an event on Thursday, March 8 at the Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis; admission is free and all are welcome. [RSVP](#) via Facebook.

*Citizens for Modern Transit is a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to lead advocacy efforts to expand light rail as the critical component of an integrated, affordable and convenient public transportation system that will enable economic growth to improve quality of life in the St. Louis region. Citizens for Modern Transit is separate and distinct organization from Metro (Bi-State Development Agency).*

